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SUBJ: 29TH UNGA: THIRD COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON DRAFT
CONVENTION ON TERRITORIAL ASYLUM

1. DRAFT RES RECEIVED THIS AM FROM SWEDISH DEL WHICH
IS SEEKING CO-SPONSORS AND INTENDS TO TABLE IT TOMORROW
NOVEMBER 26.

2. COMMENT: DRAFT RES ACCORDS WITH US POSITION THAT
GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS SHOULD MEET BEFORE
CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES. HOWEVER, BECAUSE
OF UNCERTAINTY AS WHETHER USG WILL IN FORESEEABLE
FUTURE BE ABLE TO RATIFY ANY CONVENTION ON TERRITORIAL
ASYLUM, US DEL RECOMMENDS THAT WE SUPPORT BUT NOT CO-
SPONSOR. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS BY 1:00 PM TOMORROW,
NOVEMBER 26.

3. TEXT FOLLOWS:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING EXAMINED THE REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH
COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES ON THE QUESTION OF TERRITORIAL
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REAFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE IT ATTACHES TO INTERNATIONAL

PROTECTION OF REFUGEES AS A PRINCIPAL FUNCTION OF THE UNHCR,

NOTING THE VIEW OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE OFFICE
OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES,
THAT A CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES ON TERRITORIAL
ASYLUM SHOULD BE CALLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,

NOTING FURTHER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE PRECEDED BY A MEETING
OF A GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL
EXPERTS TO REVIEW THE PRESENT TEXT OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION,

1. DECIDES THAT A CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES ON
TERRITORIAL ASYLUM SHOULD BE CALLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,

2. FURTHER DECIDES TO ESTABLISH A GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL
EXPERTS COMPOSED OF LEGALLY TRAINED REPRESENTATIVES OF
NOT MORE THAN 27 STATES DESIGNATED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
THIRD COMMITTEE AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE DIFFERENT
REGIONAL GROUPS, ON THE BASIS OF EQUITA GEOGRAPHICAL
DISTRIBUTION,

3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES
TO CONVENE THIS GROUP OF EXPERTS, NOT LATER THAN MAY 1975
AND FOR A MAXIMUM OF TEN WORKING DAYS, TO REVIEW THE
PRESENT TEXT OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION ON TERRITORIAL ASYLUM,

4. DECIDES THAT THE COSTS OF CONVENING THE GROUP OF EXPERTS
BE MET FROM THE VOLUNTARY FUNDS WHICH ARE AT THE DISPOSAL OF
THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES,

5. REQUESTS THAT THE REPORT OF THE GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL
EXPERTS BE SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTIETH
SESSION AND FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO
SUBMIT A PROPOSAL AS TO WHEN THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE CONVENED
AND AN ASSESSMENT OF THE COSTS INVOLVED. END TEXT
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